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Schenck: Read the Bill – Medicaid Reform Prohibits Exclusive Use of Mail-Order Pharmacies

Tallahassee—Representative Robert Schenck (R-Spring Hill), Chairman of the House Health and Human Services Committee, today released the following statement regarding accusations that the comprehensive legislation to reform Florida's Medicaid system crafted by the Florida House during the 2011 Legislative Session contains a mail-order mandate for Medicaid patients.

"As this legislation moved through the committee process, we heard concerns about the potential for Medicaid managed care plans to use mail-order pharmacy services and the impact this could have on retail pharmacy businesses. We addressed these concerns by prohibiting the exclusive use of mail-order pharmacies in the law.

"To summarize: We heard the concerns. We addressed the concerns and the bill speaks for itself. People need to read the bill before planning press stunts designed to spread fear, misinformation and lies."

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